# **Phishing Email Analysis Report**

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### 1. Executive Summary

I examined a suspicious email that was obtained via the company email gateway in great detail. Header inspection, URL reputation analysis, and threat intelligence collecting were among the multi-layered analytic methods applied to the email once it was isolated in a sandboxed virtual environment. The email is determined to be a phishing effort based on the findings, which are intended to trick people into clicking on a dangerous link.

# 2. Email Metadata Analysis

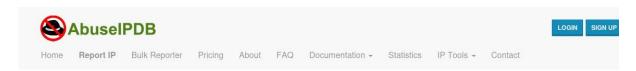
#### 2.1 Sender Information

• Return-Path: post@abssmartkraft.no

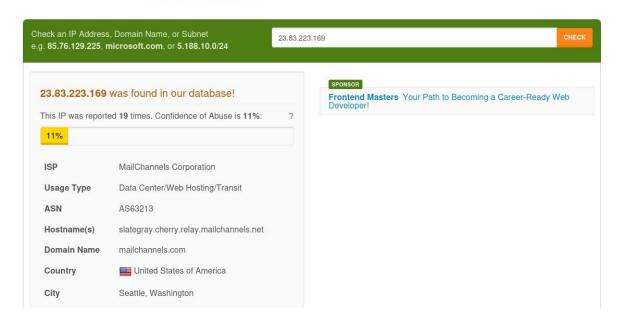
Sending Server: LV8P223MB1060.NAMP223.PROD.OUTLOOK.COM (::1)

Sender IP Address: 23.83.223.169

• IP Reputation Check (AbuseIPDB): No existing reports were found for this IP address in the AbuseIPDB database. However, the lack of reports does not indicate safety, especially given the suspicious context.



### AbuseIPDB » 23.83.223.169



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21 ARC-Authentication-Results: i=2; mx.microsoft.com 1; spf=pass (sender ip is
22 23.83.223.169) smtp.rcpttodomain=hotmail.com smtp.mailfrom=abssmartkraft.no;
23 dmarc=bestguesspass action=none header.from=abssmartkraft.no; dkim=fail
24 (signature did not verify) header.d=abssmartkraft.no; arc=fail (47)
25 Received: from DB3PR08CA0033.eurprd08.prod.outlook.com (2603:10a6:8::46) by
26 PAWPR02MB10323.eurprd02.prod.outlook.com (2603:10a6:102:366::12) with
27 Microsoft SMTP Server (version=TLS1_2,
28 cipher=TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384) id 15.20.7784.16; Mon, 22 Jul
29 2024 09:50:35 +0000
30 Received: from DB1PEPF000509E8.eurprd03.prod.outlook.com
31 (2603:10a6:8:0:cafe::16) by DB3PR08CA0033.outlook.office365.com
32 (2603:10a6:8::46) with Microsoft SMTP Server (version=TLS1_2,
33 cipher=TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384) id 15.20.7784.18 via Frontend
34 Transport; Mon, 22 Jul 2024 09:50:35 +0000
35 Authentication-Results: spf=pass (sender IP is 23.83.223.169)
36 smtp.mailfrom=abssmartkraft.no; dkim=fail (signature did not verify)
37 header.d=abssmartkraft.no;dmarc=bestguesspass action=none
38 header.from=abssmartkraft.no;compauth=pass reason=109
39 Received-SPF: Pass (protection.outlook.com: domain of abssmartkraft.no
40 designates 23.83.223.169 as permitted sender)
41 receiver=protection.outlook.com; client-ip=23.83.223.169;
42 helo=slategray.cherry.relay.mailchannels.net; pr=C
43 Received: from slategray.cherry.relay.mailchannels.net (23.83.223.169) by
44 DB1PEPF000509E8.mail.protection.outlook.com (10.167.242.58) with Microsoft
45 SMTP Server (version=TLS1_3, cipher=TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384) id 15.20.7784.11 46 via Frontend Transport; Mon, 22 Jul 2024 09:50:33 +0000
47 X-IncomingTopHeaderMarker:
48 OriginalChecksum:B9AB2540D2A68DDF49549CB12BC0328B1135D06F21FF9E61FD689AF8E2FD0FA6;UpperCased
49 X-Sender-Id: domene|x-authuser|post@abssmartkraft.no
50 Received: from relay.mailchannels.net (localhost [127.0.0.1])
           by relay.mailchannels.net (Postfix) with ESMTP id 22BDE6C3D25;
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          Mon, 22 Jul 2024 09:50:32 +0000 (UTC)
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53 Received: from sol.domene.no (unknown [127.0.0.6])
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          Mon, 22 Jul 2024 09:50:29 +0000 (UTC)
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#### 2.2 Email Authentication Results

- SPF (Sender Policy Framework): PASS o The SPF record validated successfully, suggesting that the sending server is authorized to send mail on behalf of the domain. However, SPF alone is not a reliable indicator of legitimacy.
- DKIM (DomainKeys Identified Mail): NONE 

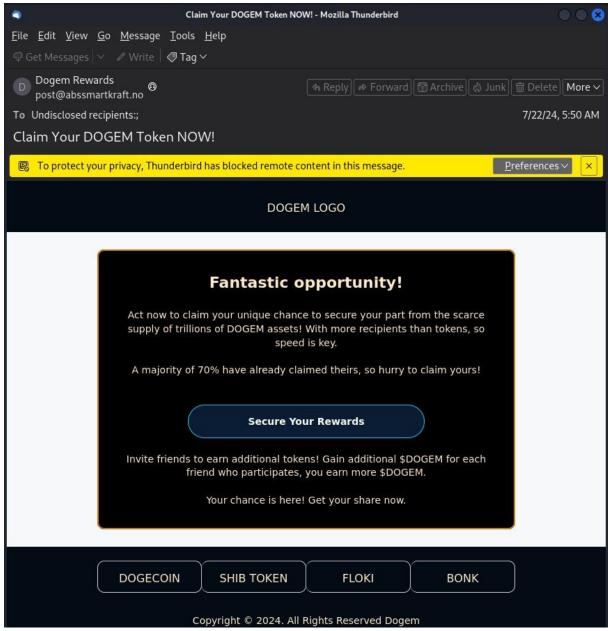
  NO DKIM signature was present, indicating
  the email was not cryptographically signed. This reduces the credibility and makes the
  email susceptible to spoofing.
- DMARC (Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance): NONE

0	The domain lacks a DMARC policy, increasing the likelihood of unauthorized use and spoofing.

### 3. Embedded URL Analysis

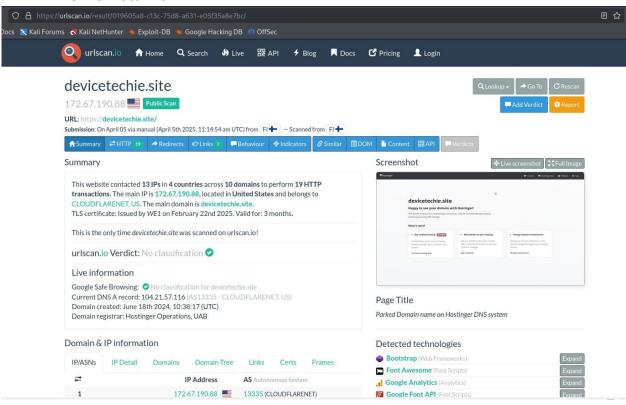
#### 3.1 Suspicious Link

• URL Found in Email: https://devicetechie.site

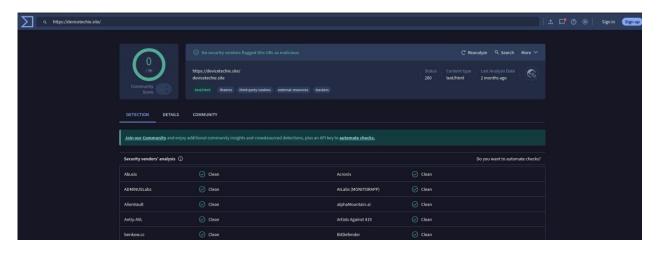


I extracted the link and performed scans using the following tools:

#### o URLScan.io



#### VirusTotal



Bluecoat SiteReview

# WebPulse Site Review Request

#### **Check another URL**

URL submitted:

https://devicetechie.site:443/

This URL has not yet been rated

Since this URL has not yet been rated, please fill out the form below so we can add it to our database.

### 3.2 Threat Intelligence on Domain

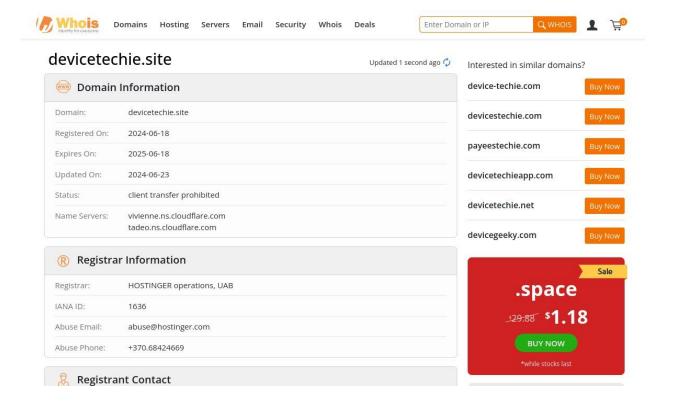
Domain: devicetechie.site

A WHOIS lookup revealed

Registrar: HOSTINGER operations, UAB

Registered On:2024-06-18

The domain appears to be newly registered and lacks a solid reputation, which is consistent with common phishing infrastructure.



## 4. Threat Intelligence Analysis

#### 4.1 IP Address Reputation

- IP Address: 23.83.223.169
- The IP address did not return any reports on AbuseIPDB. However, attackers often rotate
   IPs and domains, so absence of prior activity does not imply trustworthiness.

#### 4.2 Indicators of Compromise (IoCs)

- Email Header Anomalies: Missing DKIM/DMARC, mismatched Return-Path and sending server.
- Malicious URL: The URL embedded in the email links to a suspicious domain.
- **Unusual Return-Path Domain**: post@abssmartkraft.no is a non-standard and suspicious domain name.

#### 5. Conclusion & Recommendations

#### 5.1 Conclusion

Based on comprehensive email header inspection, authentication failures, and third-party threat intelligence scans, I assess this email to be a **confirmed phishing attempt**. The email was crafted to trick recipients into clicking a potentially malicious link hosted at devicetechie.site The domain and IP involved exhibit red flags consistent with phishing infrastructure.

#### 5.2 Recommendations

- 1. Immediate Quarantine: Ensure the email is removed from all user inboxes.
- 2. **Block Indicators**: Add devicetechie.site and 23.83.223.169 to all perimeter security blocklists (firewall, proxy, email gateway).
- 3. Report to Authorities:
  - Report the phishing attempt to Microsoft via the Security & Compliance Center.
     Submit indicators to APWG and Google Safe Browsing.
- 4. **Security Awareness Campaign**: Notify users about this phishing attempt and reinforce phishing awareness training.
- 5. **Enhance Email Filtering**: Strengthen email gateway rules to enforce strict DMARC/DKIM/SPF policies.
- 6. **Threat Hunting**: Initiate monitoring of internal logs and endpoints for any interaction with the flagged domain/IP.

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